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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part V)*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 88 (see A/49/728, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 29th and 32nd meetings, on 23 November and 7 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.29 and 32).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

### A. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.33

2. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Cultural development" (A/C.2/49/L.33).

3. At the 32nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Raiko Raichev (Bulgaria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

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* The report of the Committee on this agenda item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/49/728 and addenda.

(a) In operative paragraph 4, the word "expects" was replaced with the words "looks forward to";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "as well as" were replaced with the words "and, within existing budgetary resources,";

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the word "undertake" was replaced with the words "consider undertaking";

(d) In operative paragraph 7, the words "an item" were replaced with the words "a sub-item".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.33, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 5).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Cultural development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Recalling also its resolution 46/157 of 19 November 1991, in which it invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, including an examination by the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development of the summary evaluation report to be prepared by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Taking into account resolution 27 C/3.2 of 13 November 1993, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-seventh session,

Recalling its resolution 46/158 of 19 December 1991, in which it endorsed the establishment of an Independent World Commission on Culture and Development,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/32 of 27 July 1994,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress made in

relation to the World Decade for Cultural Development during the period 1992-1993; 1/

2. Also takes note of the examination of the mid-term summary evaluation report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the Plan of Action for the Decade; 2/

3. Acknowledges the progress made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in implementing the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, 3/ and encourages them to pursue their efforts in this respect during the second part of the Decade;

4. Welcomes the establishment of the independent World Commission on Culture and Development and looks forward to its report as requested in resolution 46/158;

5. Invites all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and, within existing budgetary resources, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system:

(a) When undertaking activities in connection with the Decade, to concentrate efforts on interdisciplinary projects of a regional and interregional scope and to encourage the formation of different types of partnerships for their implementation;

(b) To find appropriate ways to integrate cultural factors into all endeavours aimed at social and economic development and at the same time to promote intercultural understanding and appreciation;

6. Invites the regional commissions to consider undertaking, as a contribution to the final evaluation report on the Decade, in consultation with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a study of the cultural factors influencing development as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session a sub-item entitled "Cultural development", and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a further progress report on the implementation of the Decade to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council in 1996.

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1/ A/49/159-E/1994/62/Add.1, annex, and 2, annex.

2/ A/49/159-E/1994/62, annex.

3/ E/1986/L.30, annex.